

# SNAG HIT IN SUCK CREEK

## State Requires Advance Payment for Convict Work

## HAS NO FUNDS ON HAND TO START THEM GOING

## County Has No Money for Job Either and Work on Dixie Highway is Halted.

Preliminary negotiations between officials of Hamilton county and members of the Tennessee board of control for the lease of convicts to build the Suck Creek road have struck some heavy seas. Judge Cummings, who has in charge Hamilton county's end of the deal, has been advised by Chairman Denton, of the board of control, that the state is in the same financial condition as the county. It has no funds to finance the undertaking and requires some of the payment in advance for the use of the convicts. Judge Cummings has been advised that if the state proceeds according to the agreement with Hamilton and Marion counties to build the road up the west side, or the Marion county side of the main branch of Suck Creek, to the mouth of West Suck Creek, it must be furnished with the wherewithal to finance the undertaking. Hamilton county, as has been stated from time to time since the state convicts were contracted for, has no revenue whatever available to build its portion of the road, which will, if constructed, be the western link of the Dixie highway.

At a conference of Hamilton county officials with General Manager W. M. Nixon, of the branch prison at Petros, some two weeks ago, Mr. Nixon was told to go ahead and purchase whatever tools and blasting powder he would want and that when Hamilton county got the money, the state would be repaid. Saturday Judge Cummings was in receipt of information to the effect that the state could not purchase these supplies for the very good reason that it had no funds available.

Judge Cummings has called a conference which will be held today in his office. County Attorney Ford, Chairman Spurlock, of the Highway commission, Surt Crox, County Engineer Bryan and Judge M. M. Allison, president of the Dixie Highway association, who is representing Marion county in the negotiations, and General Manager Nixon will be present. It is stated that the officials hope to be able to adopt some sort of plan that will let the work proceed. The only thing, therefore, that stands between the start of actual operations on the Suck Creek road is the question of money. At the present time neither Hamilton county nor the state has any revenue available to finance the undertaking.

Engineers estimate that the road, if the creek is crossed at a point near where it empties into the Tennessee river and runs up the western or Marion county side of the creek, can be constructed for \$10,000 less than if built on the Hamilton county side, where large boulders would be encountered and where the right of way would have to be practically shot off the bluffs of Walden's ridge which overhangs the bank of the creek. On the other hand, the Marion county side of the creek is well adapted for road building and with little effort, it is stated, a road could be built practically at grade.

It has been agreed by all parties interested that the practical thing to do is to build the road up the Marion county side of the creek. Marion county has a lump sum of \$25,000 available to build its part of the road. County engineer Bryan estimates that the fund available for Marion will do well if it gets the road through the Suck Creek gulch from the mouth of the west branch of the creek to Ketner's gap. Public spirited citizens of the north end of Marion county in and around Whitwell have agreed to construct their part of the road through Ketner's gap to Whitwell, where the road intersects with the main valley road.

Marion county is expected to exhaust its funds in the construction of the road through the gorges of Suck Creek gulch. If Marion county is expected to bring the road to the mouth of the main fork of Suck Creek, then it has not sufficient revenue available. Hamilton county, if the arrangements can be made, will be glad to cross the creek at its mouth and build the road up the Marion county side. This county would save \$10,000 if that could be done. The plan, as tentatively agreed upon, and then at the next legislature pass an act changing the county line between Hamilton and Marion counties so as to put the road in Hamilton county. However, the information Saturday, which was that the state did not have any funds to proceed with the work, has for the time being at least brought on another dark spot in connection with the final completion of the road.

In the meantime, before any contract is completed, the state or somebody is proceeding with the construction of a stockade to house the prisoners. Saturday it was reported that the building was ready for the roof and that by Wednesday of this week it would be ready for the purpose for which it is being built.—Chattanooga Times, Monday.

The result of the conference Monday was that the county could double its highway tax of 10c under the Spurlock law, and thus get funds. This would have to be passed by the Hamilton County court. However, this tax would not be available until sometime after Oct. 1, and then only in part. The bulk of the levy, in fact, would not be available until after Jan. 1, 1917. A meeting was set for Monday night to further discuss a way out of the matter, and the Suck Creek road seems to be on a snag.

The result of the meeting of Tuesday night as published in the Times of yesterday was as follows:

Following an extended conference between officials of Hamilton and Marion counties with representatives of the Tennessee board of control last night in the rooms of the Dixie Highway association at the Patton hotel, practical assurance was given that both counties would execute a contract for the lease of state convicts for the construction of the Suck Creek road. W. T. Murray, vice president of the board of control, will meet with Hamilton county officials this morning at 11 in the office of the county judge for the purpose of executing the contract for the lease of the prisoners. Five members of the Marion county pike commission, which comprises a majority of the board, attended the conference last night, and agreed to execute their contract at a specially called meeting to be held at Jasper, the county seat, on Thursday. Mr. Murray, after the meeting, stated that by Monday he would have a force of fifty convicts in the stockade recently constructed on the banks of Suck Creek.

C. H. Huston proved to be the Moses to lead Hamilton county from the wilderness of its embarrassing situation with reference to financing its portion of the undertaking. He and other enthusiasts agreed to advance the sum of \$2,500 with which to begin the work. After a statement from Judge Cummings and Mr. Spurlock, chairman of the highway commission, to the effect that the money to build the road would be provided, not by a raise in the tax levy, but by the old fashioned route of a bond issue at the 1917 session of the legislature, Mr. Murray agreed to the proposition. When this agreement was made, members of the Marion County pike commission withdrew into executive session. With their return, announcement was made by John T. Raulston, who acted as spokesman, that with a few minor changes in that county's contract for convicts, it would be executed. The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

The conference was largely attended. Representatives of Hamilton County present were: Judge Cummings, County Engineer Bryan, and Chairman Spurlock, of the highway commission. Members of the Marion county pike commission present were: W. A. Cantrell, chairman; W. H. Klein, secretary; John T. Raulston, Thomas Walker and G. Sherman. Dr. Seay and J. H. Dykes, of Whitwell, completed the Marion county delegation. Judge M. M. Allison, president of the Dixie Highway association; C. H. Huston, president of the chamber of commerce; W. R. Long, president of the Chattanooga Automobile Club; J. H. Almy, Ed Manz, V. D. Robinson, A. H. Rogers, and John Lovell were also present. W. T. Murray and W. M. Nixon represented the state here.

### Smithsonia, Ala.

The rain today bluffed most of the boys from going to see their heart's desire.

John Danini spent Sunday in Seaford.

Colbert Douglas returned from Chattanooga after a stay of a couple of weeks while his arm healed up from the burn he received on the 27th of last month.

Mr. J. J. Harri "Forrest" it to town Saturday, returning Sunday.

D. B. Gardner and Robert Easton, of Florence, were down here visiting old acquaintances and friends as well as visiting at Pineale.

Herbert Daby looked at Saturday night because he had to stay down here over Sunday and work, while his best girl in Florence waited in vain.

Berry Coles took Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall, Miss Winters and Misses Bessie and Ruby Mae Reed on a launch ride in the new U. S. No. 7 one day last week.

Tom Wilson spent Sunday in Florence.

Henry Nichols was badly disappointed Sunday evening.

Your writer was glad to see that "Baby Doll" and the writer from Sulphur Springs had both woken up. Glad to see you back. One Among Them

JOHN S. COWAN, President. Whitwell, Tenn., June 14, 1916.

# WILL RAISE MORE LIVE STOCK

## Tennessee Farmers Increase Number Of Pure-Bred Animals —Advertising Recommended To Aid In Sale Of Surplus Stock

(By C. D. Lowe, Division of Extension, University of Tennessee.)



This Aberdeen-Angus steer is a good one. He shows what careful breeding will do. The animal was grand champion at the Mid-Winter Stock Show held last January at University Farm, Knoxville, Tenn. He was produced by the Ames Plantation, Grand Junction, Tennessee.

Large numbers of pure-bred live stock are now being brought into this state from other states. Most of these animals are sires but many are mature females. This introduction is apt to continue for an indefinite period.

This state has now quite a number of local breeders, some of whom rank with the best in any state, but the majority are still in the developing stage or mere amateurs. These men are, and will continue more to be, contenders for this trade in pedigreed live stock, not only in this state but also in adjoining and more distant territory.

Will they be able to successfully compete with our present dominant source of supply, i. e., the Middle West?

What will be necessary in order that they may expect to secure this business?

These are questions, the answers to which should be receiving serious thought by those already taking and proposing to take steps in the registered live stock industry.

We cannot hope to have the history of this state materially different from that of other states in this regard—in fact, for the many who start, the few remain and develop into real breeders.

The man who wants to become a suc-

cessful breeder of live stock must have the courage and the capital to buy goods, but not necessarily costly foundation stock. He must have the determination and ability to see it through. He must produce that quality of animals demanded by the discriminating buyer. That is, his herd or flock must possess the necessary breeding to insure a uniformly good offspring and he must present them to the purchasing public in such state of development as to be above criticism.

Even with these requisites, ready sale of surplus stock may not be secured, if the breeder has increased the size of his holdings rapidly. There is no regular market where registered stock may be shipped and sold, so that the breeder must consider methods of letting the world know of his product.

Naturally, as good animals are distributed from his farm, they become the best possible sort of advertising.

It is also advisable, as progress is made, to exhibit specimens from his herds and flocks at county, district and state fairs.

The carrying of paid advertising in reliable mediums will be a great aid in any stage of a breeder's development. Conservative and persistent use of such space, will practically spell success, if he does the rest of his work well.

# FLORIDA PEOPLE IN FIRST MOTORCADE

Floridians from Lake County will pass through this section Wednesday, July 5, having organized the first Dixie Highway Motorcade. They will spend July 4th in Chattanooga, visiting the battlefields, and their route through this county will be via Jasper to Tracy City. In the party will be Hon. C. O. Roe, a banker; Hon. Gilbert Lewis, editor of the Leechburg Commercial; Harry Duncan, a prominent attorney; Hon. C. E. Woods, editor of the Lake Region, R. J. Tuller, a prominent grower; Dr. W. P. Butler, president of the Leechburg Telephone Co.; E. F. Watts, merchant; L. M. Johnson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; H. L. Bressler, civil engineer; R. H. Brown, orange grower, and a large number of others. Lake County has lately completed a series of roads at a cost of \$500,000.

# SEVERAL DEATHS IN GRUNDY COUNTY

TRACY CITY, Tenn., June 9.—Elsa Christina Schield died at Grundy in this county Sunday, aged 21 years, after an illness of two weeks. Mrs. John White died Sunday at her home in the Payne Addition near Tracy City, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at Pelham Wednesday, her former home. Wm. Henley died at Pelham Saturday, aged 69. Mrs. Bettie Lockhart died Friday at her home in Dykes Hollow, aged 72. Tade Falts died near Grundy Tuesday, aged about 70.

# PREACHER ARRESTED CHARGED WITH INCEST

James Thomas, of near Gould, this county, was arrested here Sunday on a warrant charging him with incest. Thomas was arrested by deputy sheriff Wm. Burnett shortly after he had concluded services at a house. He was not filling an appointment as pastor. The warrant was issued against him as a result of an investigation before the grand jury, and charges him with illicit relations with a sister-in-law. He is now in jail at Jasper and will remain there in all probability until next term of court, as he is making no effort to get out on bond or be tried at this term of court.

# STEADY WORK AT WHITWELL

## Coke Ovens to be Put in Operation and Employment for Many Promised.

Intelligence which will be hailed with delight by many in this county is that the mines at Whitwell will be put on full time from now on.

This was made necessary by orders received to start the coke ovens there. The information was given us yesterday morning over the wire by W. A. Meagher, the superintendent, who says it means a full run this summer.

The mines there have been under disadvantage in operating because of the ovens not being in operation, and hence the slack coal could not be used, and orders were restricted to a ton of mine briks. Now there will be a steady demand for the slack in coke making, and the other orders for run of mine as well as special orders for screening coal can be filled. The output of the ovens is 2,500 tons per month, and immediate steps will be taken towards setting them to burning. It means a greatly increased payroll, as a large number of extra men, coke rollers and other coke oven operators will be employed. The run at the mines has not been satisfactory for a long time, as in order to keep all its operatives employed, and not lose the services of any good miner, the management has maintained a policy of dividing the work and thus the mines have been crowded. However, there will now be plenty of work for all, and it is not so very long ago since the T. C. I. & R. V. Co. made a voluntary raise in the price paid per ton for mining coal.

# PIKEVILLE TO CELEBRATE JULY FOURTH

Pikeville will have a big celebration July 4. Prizes will be awarded by the merchants and business men to those winning in the various contests proposed. An automobile parade of decorated cars is proposed, as well as field sports and baseball games.

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# BIG SUIT AT JASPER

## Malaria-Bearing Mosquito Subject of Suit Against Power Company.

Jasper, Tenn., June 14.—A big suit, or rather a combination of suits, was commenced in circuit court Tuesday at Jasper. The Chattanooga & Tennessee River Power Company was attacked for damages by some forty Marion County people who brought suit against the flooding of land and a mosquito pest breeding in the back water and pools, which are alleged to cause the epidemic of malaria now prevalent along the river and some distance adjacent there to. For cases were tried at Jasper Tuesday as test cases, or rather an attempt was made to try them, as it is thought that a week will be necessary to get a full hearing. The first cases cases called were those of J. W. Brown, John Hicks jointly with Chas. Hicks, Silas Boatright, and T. White. These were test cases. Other parties bringing suits are G. W. Ellis, Tom Lawson, Luke Hicks, Wm. White, Robt. Anderson, Kelly Hartman, Martin Hartman, Milton McNaab, Curry McNaab, Geo. McNaab, John McNaab, Allen McNaab, T. J. Sexton, Oscar Brown, Joseph Fryar, Alex. Boatright, H. C. Brown, Cannon Brown, Jas. Newson, John Anderson, Silas Powers, Tom Harwood, M. M. Ruth, Wm. Boatright, Jasper Anderson, Dan Hicks, Alex. Anderson, Wm. Anderson, J. R. Houts.

The attorneys for the plaintiffs are Tatum, Thach, Lynch, & Hall, and those for the defense are Spears & Spears, of Chattanooga, assisted by other prominent lawyers of that city. Expert testimony will be taken, and a good deal of scientific erudition will be called into the case as to whether the mosquito is malaria-bearing or not. It will also be called into question as to the varieties of mosquitoes infesting the river banks and section both at present and prior to the flooding of the lands. The varieties of mosquitoes will also be under debate.

All available hotel room has been chartered in advance for the use of the visiting attorneys and the experts summoned as witnesses to give testimony, and for the next few days the good old town of Jasper will bristle with hard words regarding mosquitoes and their genealogies. The cases will be heard before Judge Lynch.

# A QUICK-WITTED CULPRIT.

A certain ruler in the Far East once declared that any malefactor who was brought before him might be pardoned if he could give utterance to three truths. Perhaps truth-telling was a rare accomplishment among criminals in that country, and that few of them escaped punishment. However, the law was a humane one.

One day a man was brought before the bar of justice and found guilty of a serious crime, the penalty for which was death. He threw himself upon what he would call the mercy of the court, and was told that he could purchase his life and freedom by telling the three truths. The outlaw scratched his thoughtfully and collected his wits. It was a trying moment.

"I am justly accused," he said. "I am justly accused," he said. "I am justly accused," he said. "I am justly accused," he said. "I am justly accused," he said.

# GALA OCCASION AT WHITWELL

Whitwell, Tenn., June 9.—There are two things in which the people of Whitwell, this county, take special pride, to-wit, their band and ball team, and next Thursday night will be a gala occasion in support of these two organizations. A box and ice cream supper will be given on the baseball ground under direction of the following committee: D. H. Leach, Henry Anderregg, H. C. Tauscher, and W. A. Meagher. The grounds will be brilliantly illuminated with electric lights and free moving pictures will be a feature. The Whitwell band will also render a concert and everything will be done to have a pleasant and enjoyable evening. The affair is largely under the direction of W. A. Meagher, Superintendent of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad mines here, who takes a keen interest in the work of the ball team and who has been ever ready with his money and time to promote its best interests. The team had a very successful season last year, and this year it is determined by the management to keep up if not exceed the good record. The T. C. & Ry. Co. has ever endeavored to keep up a first class ball team in Whitwell for the amusement of its employees and has a nice park for the purpose. The band is also another feature of the interest of the company in its employees, being first organized and maintained by it. At present it is under the able direction of H. C. Tauscher.

Another feature of the evening will be that it is selected as a date for the "bouncing" of Rev. W. D. Farmer, Pastor M. E. Church, South, in Whitwell. The gifts will be brought to the grounds and piled up awaiting delivery to Rev. Farmer. It is expected that there will be quite an outburst of gifts for Rev. Farmer is held in high esteem in Whitwell.

# Whitwell. Special to the News.

Today is Saturday and we have had lots of rain, but it looks like it is not over yet.

The Whitwell baseball players were going to play Pikeville Saturday, but got rained out. They played an inning and a half in the mud and rain. They wanted to play more than they writer would. I think that the Whitwell team is going up to Pikeville next Saturday to play.

Will Hill, of Sequachee, was in Whitwell Saturday to see the ball game, but he did not get to see it for it rained. Never mind, you come back again and you will get to see one some time.

Lester Martin visited ye writer Saturday. Walter Mason visited ye writer Saturday. Mrs. Cook and family visited Tom Payne Sunday.

Walter Cox is very low at this writing, but we none he will soon get well. Wonder what has become of "Uncle Blue" that he doesn't write any more, and "Blue Ribbon," of Whitwell.

Come on, "Brown Eyes," of Whitwell, and "Honeyuckle," of Sweetwater. Well, come on, "Uncle Jeff," of Yucca, Ala. I enjoy reading your pieces. Tell George that they won't let me play pool any more in Whitwell.

Come on, "Lone Star," of Dallas, and tell us all about the war in Mexico. Wonder why "Uncle Tom," of Daylight, has quit writing. Rainbow.

# IMPROVING TELEPHONE SERVICE IN MARION

Jasper, Tenn., June 14.—The Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Company is spending a considerable amount of money on its lines in this county, some \$2000, it is reported. Lines are being rebuilt, cable systems being installed, and many other improvements made. The work is under the direction of J. P. Armstrong, of South Pittsburg, who is local manager. The work is being done in an effort to secure a better service for patrons. It is also claimed that the objectionable buzzing sound will be eliminated.

All the Chinese gambling houses in Rangoon, capital of Burmah, have been closed by the authorities.